

## Tennessee Events

(Calendar events are as accurate as possible at press time. Since times or event schedules may change, telephone numbers are provided so you can call to confirm. For a complete listing of events in Tennessee State Parks, visit the Web site [www.tnstateparks.com/events](http://www.tnstateparks.com/events).)

### May

- Daily May & June** **Reelfoot Lake State Park.** Pontoon Boat Cruises. Cruises leave at 9 a.m. seven days a week for three hours priced at \$9 for adults; \$6 for ages under 16 years. A short cruise is priced at \$6 per person for all ages and departs on weekends at 1:30 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. for one hour. Reservations are required. Info: 731-253-9652.
- 4-5** **Townsend.** 20th Annual Townsend in the Smokies Spring Festival and Old Timers Day. Music, arts and crafts, wildflower hikes and more are planned. Info: 1-800-525-6834.
- 4-6** **Roan Mountain State Park.** 54th Annual Roan Mountain Spring Naturalists Rally. A slate of field trips and presentations by naturalists includes Friday's guest speaker John Pickering with "Discover Life: Public Participation in Natural History Surveys" and Saturday's guest speaker author Leonard Atkins whose program will be on "Traversing Ancient Mountains: 2000 Miles on the Appalachian Trail." Info: [www.friendsofroanmt.org](http://www.friendsofroanmt.org).
- 4-6** **Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park.** Knapp-In and Archaeoskills event. Featured activities include flint-knapping, atlatl (spear throwing), basketweaving and other native crafts. Info: 931-723-5073.
- 5** **Cumberland Mountain State Park.** Wildflower Photography Workshop. Get some tips on wildflower identification and photography. Meet at park restaurant at 9 a.m. Info: 931-484-6138.
- 5** **Dunbar Cave State Natural Area.** Tennessee State Parks 75th Anniversary Celebration and Friends of Dunbar Cave's Spring Fling. From 7 a.m.-4:45 p.m., attend nature programs on topics like hiking, bird identification, wildflower hikes, backpacking, raptors with SOAR, wildlife rehabilitation with Walden's Puddle, canoeing, bluebirds, snakes, native amphibians and reptiles. Info: 931-648-5526.
- 5** **Rock Island State Park.** Celebrate both Tennessee State Parks 75th Anniversary and Rock Island's 45th Anniversary. Interpretive programs and activities related to the history of the park and its people. Info: 931-686-2471.
- 5-6** **Fort Loudoun State Park.** Garrison Weekend. Costumed re-enactors will portray the soldiers, civilians and Cherokee who lived at Fort Loudoun and in the area. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 12** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Bird Walk with the Lee and Lois Herndon TOS Chapter. Meet at 8 a.m. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 12-13** **Rugby.** Historic Rugby's 38th Annual Festival of British and Appalachian Culture. Music, dance and traditional arts and crafts are planned. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 18** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Colonial kids at Fort Watauga. Attend (by reservation) this all-day event for kids ages eight to 12 years. Participants will join with the Washington County Militia for activities like old time games, marching drills, tomahawk throwing, Dutch oven cooking. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 19** **Dunbar Cave State Natural Area.** Crawdad Hootenanny and Hike. David Withers and Robin Wooten of TDEC host this aquatic excursion to coax out crawdads. Meet at the park office at 10 a.m. CT. Reservations required. Info: 615-532-0441.
- 19** **Cordell Hull Birthplace State Historic Park.** Folk Festival and 75th Anniversary Celebration. Visitors can view displays and reenactments of the past including Native American dancers, Long Hunters, and Revolutionary War period characters. Arts and crafts, folk music and more are planned. Info: 931-864-3247.
- 19** **Cumberland Mountain State Park.** Solar and Star Gazing Party with Lloyd Watkins. Info: 931-484-6138.
- 19-20** **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Siege at Fort Watauga honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks. From 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, step back in time to 1776 and walk among the legendary characters of the time: Bonnie Kate, Old Abram, Col. Carter and more for demonstrations of 18th century life. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 21-27** **Edgar Evins State Park.** Western Wallflower Week Boat Tour. Join park rangers and seasonal naturalists for boat tours to view the Western Wallflower and other species of the limestone bluffs on Center Hill Reservoir. Boats depart at 10 a.m. for a three-hour trip. Reservations required. Info: 931-858-2114.
- 26** **Roan Mountain State Park.** Diamond Jubilee of Tennessee State Parks. Events at Miller Farmstead include: a trail run at 9 a.m.; a welcome of former state park employees at 10 a.m.; stories from the park's past at 10:45 a.m.; a cake judging at 11 a.m. followed by cake and ice cream. Info: 423-772-0190.
- 26** **Rugby.** Historic Rugby's Laurel Dale Cemetery Lantern Tour. Listen to stories from Rugby's past as costumed interpreters bring folks to life to tell their stories. Reservations required. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 26** **Frozen Head State Park.** Echo in the Mountains. This event includes an open stage from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and music performances from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. Info: 423-346-3318.

## June

- 1 Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park.** Statehood Day. The park celebrates Tennessee's 216th year as a state. Info: 615-741-5800.
- 1-3 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Rock Climbing Workshop. First comes instruction in basic knots and techniques and then a meeting with the milder boulders. Reservations required. Info: Ray.Cutcher@tn.gov.
- 2 Cordell Hull State Birthplace State Historic Park.** National Trails Day hike and work day. Join others for a day of volunteer work followed by a hike on the Bunkham Cave Trail. Meet at 9 a.m. at the trailhead. Info: 931-864-3247.
- 2 Pickett State Park.** Tennessee State Parks 75th Anniversary Celebration and Pickett's CCC Memorial Park Heritage Day. Activities include blacksmith demonstrations, log hewing, crosscut saw and mule skidding demonstrations, along with CCC museum tours, old time music and square dancing, wagon rides and games. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 931-879-5821.
- 2 Frozen Head State Park.** National Trails Day Event. Participate in a trail work project to recognize this special day. Info: 423-346-3318.
- 2 Middle Tennessee.** State Natural Areas Program Hosts a Tennessee Coneflower Natural Areas Tour of Couchville, Mt. View, and Vesta Cedar Glades and Barrens. Reservations are required. Info: 615-532-0436.
- 2-3 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Native American Festival. Award-winning dancers, storytellers, artists and scholars gather at the circle to share their knowledge and demonstrate their skills. Admission is charged. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 2-3 Rock Island State Park.** National Trails Day, sponsored by the American Hiking Society. A gorge and beach clean-up will be the volunteer activity along with guided hikes with the park naturalist. Info: 931-686-2471.
- 9 Cumberland Mountain State Park.** Free Fishing Day. Info: 931-484-6138.
- 9 Rugby.** Historic Rugby's Cumberland Plateau Gardens Day. A day of garden activities including a design workshop, plant sale, lunch and garden tour, and a presentation by a gardener. Reservations required. Info: 1-888-214-3400.
- 9-10 Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Appalachian Heritage Fair. Park staff and the Pioneer Friends Group welcome visitors to this program of traditional arts and crafts of the region and traditional regional music. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 15 Cedars of Lebanon State Park.** Vets Day Out, sponsored by the Friends of Cedars of Lebanon and held in the park's Assembly Hall. Info: 615-443-2769.
- 16 Warriors' Path State Park.** Dragonfly Day. Learn to observe, photograph and identify native dragonflies and damselflies. Pre-registration is required but the event is free. Info: 423-239-8531.
- 16 Cumberland State Scenic Trail.** Laurel Snow State Natural Area Wildflower and Waterfall Hike with the Natural Areas Program. Reservations are required. Info: 615-532-4799.
- 16 Burgess Falls State Park.** 8th Annual Butterfly Garden Celebration. This day includes staff led hikes, butterfly identification and creek studies. Info: 931-432-5312.
- 21 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** Celebrating Our Stories — Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks. Guest speakers will share early 18th century tales of monumental events that took place on this land and its ultimate designation as a state park. Info: 423-543-5808.
- 22-23 Fall Creek Falls State Park.** Astronomy Weekend. Telescope viewing and discussions of the constellations and lunar lore are planned. Info: [www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org](http://www.CumberlandAstronomicalSociety.org).
- 23 Reelfoot Lake State Park.** Butterfly Count. Amateurs and professionals join together to count butterfly species. The first part takes place around the park's visitor center and meet up is at 9:30 a.m. CT there. Info: 731-234-4887.
- 23 Davy Crockett Birthplace State Park.** Pioneer Kids Camp. Join in on a day of hands-on demonstrations of pioneer skills and crafts for all ages. Info: 423-257-2167.
- 23-24 Fort Loudoun State Park.** 75th Anniversary Event: Emissaries of Peace: Timberlake in the Overhills. The visit of Lt. Henry Timberlake to the Overhill Cherokee country in 1762 is highlighted. Plans included guided tours of the Tennessee Valley with guides from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, lectures about Timberlake and his interaction with the Cherokee, videoconferencing with speakers from the London Museum and living history depicting the 18th century Cherokee. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT. Info: 423-884-6217.
- 30 & July 1 Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park.** An 18th Century Independence Celebration Honoring the 75th Anniversary of Tennessee State Parks. Walk among historical characters and hear their varied reactions to the Declaration. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Info: 423-543-5808.